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TOPIC

Volkspolizei in Pasewalk

EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

21 September to 1 October 1952

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DATE PREPARED 18 November 1952

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

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1. About 9 a.m. on 21 September 1952, a train carrying Volkspolizei (VP) and 30 armored reconnaissance cars arrived at the Pasewalk railroad station, coming from the direction of Berlin. In the morning of 22 September, a train carrying 27 T-34 tanks escorted by VP arrived from the same direction. [redacted] unable to determine whether these trains proceeded to another station.

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2. During the period from 21 September to 1 October, 20 tractors were in the yard of the Kavallerie Kaserne in Pasewalk, while all guns were in the Mentschel magazine. AT guns of about 45-mm caliber, several 76.2-mm and 88-mm AA guns and some heavy field guns were seen through the open doors of the magazine. On 29 September, work was started on foundations for permanent low buildings between the barracks installation and the training field. Eight hundred craftsmen, who had worked on the Stalin Allee in Berlin, were allegedly employed for this construction project. Signboards with the inscription "Droegerheide" had been erected on the exit roads of the barracks installation. Most of the VP units stationed in this area were allegedly quartered in Droegerheide.

3. The Soviet liaison headquarters was located in the houses Nos 5 to 8 on Kuerassier Strasse. The Soviet general wore a VP uniform with red stripes along the outer seams of his trousers. Inspekteur Hermann Rentsch and Kommandeur Hasse (fmu) were assigned to the VP headquarters in Pasewalk.

4. On 25 and 26 September, General V.I. Chuikov inspected quarters, arms and vehicles in the Kavallerie Kaserne. On 29 September, Wilhelm Pieck was in Pasewalk. His group travelled in about 13 sedans. All access roads to the barracks installation were blocked pending his visit and people were urged to leave the streets. After Pieck's visit there was intensified construction activity in the Pasewalk-Eggesin-Torgelow area and, instead of the 10 to 15 trucks previously observed, 40 trucks with workers daily went from Pasewalk to this area.

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1. [] Comment. The trains probably came from Prenzlau where the distribution point for armored vehicles of the Kasernierte Volkspolizei (KVP) is located.

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2. [] Comment. The Soviet liaison headquarters was probably assigned the mission of supporting and controlling the headquarters of Armeegruppe Nord of the KVP. Inspekteur Rentsch is known to be commanding officer of Armeegruppe Nord.

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3. [] Comment. This is the second inspection within 14 days which has been observed in the area of the Armeegruppe Nord. [] The information shows the interest that the leading Soviet and German personalities of East Germany have in the activation of national forces.

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